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Spirit Migration
スピリット・マイグレーション

episode:19「 STARTUP TEST... SUCCESSFUL! 」

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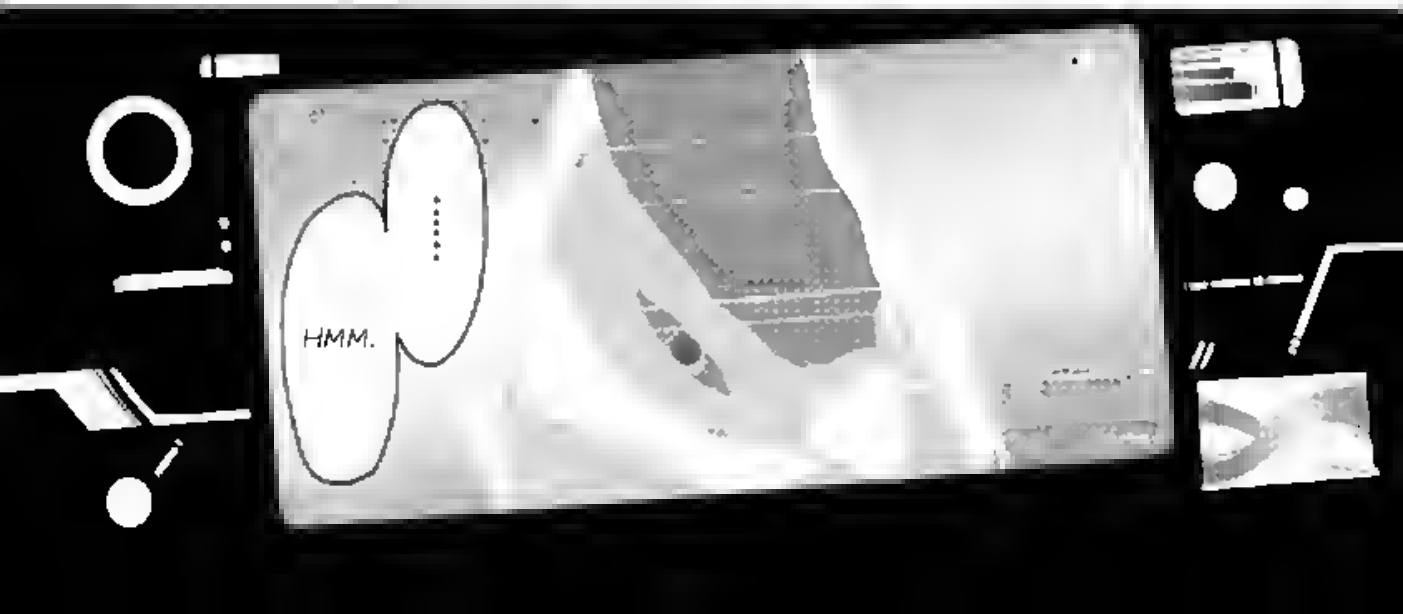

IT'S NO USE, HE DOESN'T SHOW UP ON THIS MANA DETECTOR EITHER.
I WANTED TO SEE WHAT LEF SAID SHE SAW.
WHAT A SHAME.
THAT MUST BE A SHAME.
TO BE HONEST, WE DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT KOU IS ANYWAYS.
CAN YOU THINK OF ANYTHING THAT MIGHT HELP US FIGURE THAT OUT?
WELL, IF LEF IS RIGHT AND HE'S UNRELATED TO THE MASSED CONSCIOUSNESS,
I'M AFRAID IT'S MY FIRST TIME ENCOUNTERING THIS AS WELL.
KOU, DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE?

SO THAT MEANS THE REASON FOR THAT CONVENIENT ABILITY TO POSSESS CREATURES
OR THE WAY YOU CAN MAKE THINGS APPEAR AND DISAPPEAR
ARE MYSTERIES TO YOU AS WELL.
YEP.
... I SEE, SO YOU DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING.
I DOUBT THAT.
SECRET EXPER-IMENT?
HE MIGHT EVEN BE SOME UNKNOWN CREATURE FROM SOME UNEXPLORED AREA THAT SOMEHOW ENDED UP HERE.
OR MAYBE HE'S SOME SECRET EXPERIMENT FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY.
HMM.
I DON'T HAVE ANY EVIDENCE,
BUT I'VE GOT SOME IDEAS.
PERHAPS KOU IS A HUMAN WHOSE CONSCIOUSNESS SEPARATED IN SPIRIT FORM AFTER SOME ACCIDENT,

THAT'S ALSO AN INTERESTING IDEA.
SO CUTE.
MAYBE HE'S A SUBSPECIES OF MASSED CONSCIOUS-NESS.
WELL, I AM LOOKING INTO IT.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT'S TIME FOR THE EXPERIMENT.
THAT'S THE ENTIRE REASON I WANTED KOU HERE.
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SO BASICALLY, WE KNOW ABSOLUTELY NOTHING?
I THOUGHT THE BEST SCIENTIST IN THE CAPITAL WOULD HAVE SOME IDEA.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
EXPER-IMENT?
SALTA, START PREPARING THAT!
RIGHT AWAY!

AT LEAST EXPLAIN THIS PROPERLY.
PRO-FES-SOR,
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A WEAPON?
THE TRUTH IS, I MADE A REVOLU-TIONARY NEW WEAPON.
IT'S GOT ALL THE POWER AND ABILITIES YOU COULD WANT,
BUT UNFOR-TUNATELY, IT'S HARD TO CONTROL.

PROFESSOR, BIRDY IS ONE OF MY FRIENDS,
I WON'T LET YOU PUT HIM IN DANGER!
IT'S WAY MORE THAN YOU COULD WANT,
WHEN WE LOST CONTROL, IT WRECKED HALF THE LAB.
HAHAHA! YOU'RE A REALLY NICE GIRL, KAREN.
RELAX, WE'RE JUST SEEING IF KOU'S ABLE TO MOVE IT AROUND.

...IS THIS...
YOU CAN THINK OF THIS AS THE WEAPON OF THE FUTURE.
AN ALL-PURPOSE WEAPON THAT CAN HANDLE ANY SITUATION.
IT NEVER TIRES AND IT DOESN'T FEEL FEAR.
A SOLDIER CLAD IN ARMOR THAT CAN DEFLECT ALL ATTACKS BUT STILL MOVE AROUND QUICKLY.

IT'S A COMPLEX THING THAT POSSESSES BOTH THE STABILITY OF AN ENSLAVED BEAST AND THE FLEXIBILITY OF A SUMMONED BEAST.
THIS IS A COMPLETELY NEW STAND-ALONE WEAPON.
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ACTUALLY, THEY DIDN'T GIVE ME PERMIS-SION.
... SO IT'S A NEW KIND OF GOLEM?
I DON'T REALLY GET IT, BUT IT SOUNDS GREAT.
I'M AMAZED THE CAPITAL ALLOWED YOU TO BUILD IT.
I'M AN IDIOT FOR EXPECTING COMMON SENSE FROM HIM.
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WHILE IT IS PRETTY IMPRESSIVE,
MOST OF THE ENERGY IN IT IS USED FOR STRENGTH AND MOBILITY INSTEAD OF THE CONTROL FUNCTION.
THERE'S ACTUALLY NO SPACE LEFT FOR THE COMMAND STRUCTURE.
HUH?
IF YOU CAN'T CONTROL IT, IT MAY AS WELL BE A PILE OF JUNK.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
THIS IS AN ARTIFICIAL LIFE-FORM CREATED FROM THE BODIES OF MONSTERS!
IT'S A WORK OF ART COVERED IN MAGICALLY PROCESSED ARMOR!
IT'S NOTHING LIKE ALL THOSE OTHER GOLEMS!
BUT IF IT CAN'T EVEN FOLLOW ORDERS...
WHAT'S THE POINT?
THAT'S WHY I HAD YOU BRING KOU HERE!
JUST SHUT UP!
KOU, CAN YOU POSSESS IT?

I'LL GO AND SEE.
WHERE'S THAT HOLE...
THERE IT IS!
ALRIGHT, I'LL TRY!

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OOH, IT'S MOVING!
THE STARTUP EXPERI-MENT IS A SUCCESS!
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WOAH, IS IT...
KOU, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?... PROFESSOR.
WELL, IT'S JUST A MATTER OF GETTING USED TO IT.
IT FEELS PRETTY FAMILIAR THOUGH.
JUST KEEP YOUR WEIGHT AND BALANCE IN MIND.
TRY IT.
FIRST MOVE ONE LEG, THEN THE OTHER.
OKAY!
CALM DOWN.
IT'S HIS FIRST TIME POSSESSING SOMETHING WITH A HUMAN FORM,
AND THINGS ARE A LITTLE DIFFERENT COMPARED TO CONTROLLING ANIMALS.

COME ON, TAKE IT NICE AND EASY!
... IT'S NICE AND EASY,
BUT HE HAS MANAGED TO WALK PROPERLY.
IT'S A HUGE SUCCESS, PROFESSOR!
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THERE'S NO PROBLEMS WITH THE UPPER BODY EITHER.
IT LOOKS LIKE KOU'S MANAGING JUST FINE.
NEXT WE'LL HAVE HIM MOVE AROUND OUTSIDE.

I'M AMAZED BY HOW WELL HE CAN MOVE WITH ALL THAT ARMOR...
IT'S UNBE-LIEVA-BLE...
IT'S ALL THANKS TO KOU.
AN ARTIFICIAL PERSONALITY COULDN'T MANAGE THIS.
THIS IS AMAZING!
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IT'S BOR-ING.
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... PRO-FESSOR?
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?

THIS IS AN INVENTION THAT'LL BE REMEMBERED FOR AGES
BUT WE HAVEN'T RUN INTO ANY SORT OF HICCUPS!
THIS IS BORING!
JUST LOOK AT THIS!
IT'S BEEN GOING WAY TOO SMOOTHLY!
PROFES-SOR...
YOU MADE IT, DIDN'T YOU?
PLEASE STOP BEING SO UNREA-SONABLE, PROFES-SOR!
I WONDER IF...
OH, RIGHT...
SHUT UP!
AH.

SHE'S RIGHT, IT WAS THERE JUST A MOMENT AGO...
DON'T TELL ME KOU DISAP-PEARED!
THAT BIG GOLEM'S GONE NOW.
WHAT?!
IT WORKED!
HOW CAN SOMETHING THAT BIG JUST DISAPPEAR WITHOUT NOTICE?
IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!
BUT PROFESSOR, KOU'S GONE...
HMM... IT MAKES NO SENSE...
I DON'T THINK IT HAS A FEATURE TO MAKE A BARRIER TO HIDE IT...
YOU'RE NOT EVEN SURE ABOUT THAT?
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO WOULD KNOW THAT.

KOU CAME DOWN FROM THE SKY?!
WHERE WAS HE HIDING?!
THIS IS INTER-ESTING! REALLY INTER-ESTING!
UM, PRO-FES-SOR?
HMM. AS I RECALL, KOU'S STORAGE DIMENSION CAN TAKE IN ANY OBJECT AS LONG AS IT'S NOT A LIVING CREATURE...
YEP.
SINCE THAT'S JUST A SOULLESS ARTIFICIAL BODY, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO STORE IT IN THERE...
I'LL GIVE YOU THAT BODY, IN EXCHANGE
I WANT YOU TO DROP BY OCCASIONALLY SO I CAN COLLECT DATA!

KOU IS PLEASED WITH HIS NEW BODY.

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SURE IT'S USEFUL, BUT IT STANDS OUT TOO MUCH...
IT'LL BE MORE CONVENIENT THAN WRITING ALL THE TIME.
KOU LEARNED THE MAGIC PRETTY QUICKLY.
IT'S ORNAMENTAL MAGIC I HAD SALTA ADD JUST NOW.
IS THAT ALSO A FEATURE OF THE GOLEM?
IT'S SPELLING OUT "THANK YOU."